

Staff talks to military reporters 10 rebels' move southern Bekaa explain attacks

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at Defence Reporter

V. — The PLO rebels who massed Arafat and his staff in Tripoli have since moved to the Syrian-controlled Golan Heights. That may have contributed to the recent increase in attacks in the eastern sector of Staff Rav-Aluf Moshe I yesterday.

Using military reporters, he said that this week alone there had been three attacks in the sector. The latest incidents occurred yesterday.

He also disclosed that the establishment has been given various options for a new Israeli policy in the area. He did not give details but did not confirm — nor deny withdrawal from Sidon was considered.

Proposals will be presented to Minister Moshe Arens possibly to the cabinet. The topics considered were the Awali bridges should one be considering

preventing all movement, he stressed.

Much of the civilian activity is based on contacts with the north and that cannot be discontinued, Levy explained. But southern Lebanon is full of arms and there is a danger that they could be used for attacks in Tel Aviv. "Certainly we should not take that risk," he stressed.

The chief of staff rejected criticism of the navy's shelling of the Tripoli coast, even though it did not prevent the evacuation of Arafat and his 4,000 loyalists.

It was wrong to belittle it, Levy said. "There never had been an option of preventing (Arafat's) departure and there had been no such plan."

To prevent Arafat's departure, Israel would have had to bomb the roads — to prevent his departure through Syrian territory. Alternatively, Arafat could have been evacuated on board a French helicopter. Israel, Levy noted, could have shot down the helicopter, "but from my point of

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Lebanese soldier killed, 2 hurt central Lebanon ambush

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Jerusalem Post Reporter

LA. — One Israeli soldier and two were wounded when their patrol was ambushed south of the central sector of the Golan Heights.

Arms and bazooka rounds landed at the patrol at about 8:30 a.m. close range from positions by the side of the road.

Israel Defence Forces units at the scene of the ambush launched a search. The need a cordon on the area and a house-to-house search for the terrorists.

It is the second time that an Israeli unit was ambushed in this location south of Jezzine. In the previous incident, a remote-controlled bomb was detonated at the roadside as an IDF patrol passed, but causing no casualties.

A remote-controlled bomb exploded harmlessly yesterday near Kafr Amrit in the eastern sector. Security forces searched the area and are trying to establish whether the bomb was the work of local terrorists or infiltrators from Syrian-controlled territory. This was the third such incident in as many days in this sector and follows several months of relative quiet.

In Sidon over the past several days there have been about six unidentified explosions.

The PLO news agency Wafa said in Beirut that an explosive charge was detonated yesterday morning near the village of Afik in the eastern Bekaa. According to Wafa, Israeli soldiers were either killed or wounded and Israeli war planes flew over the area.

Ali predicts 'far-reaching' progress in Arab relations

AP — Butros Ghali, UN Secretary-General, said in an interview yesterday that 1984 will see "far-reaching progress" in diplomatic ties between Egypt and Arab countries, he told the weekly magazine.

Akher Sa'a that PLO chief Yasser Arafat's meeting with President Hosni Mubarak last week was "the opening of a new era in Egyptian-Arab relations."

The PLO and 17 Arab states severed ties with Egypt following its peace treaty with Israel in 1979. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

US says it will withdraw from UNESCO

(Reuters). — The U.S. has told the Paris-based United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) it intends to withdraw from the organization, well-informed sources said yesterday.

Sources said the U.S. Ambassador to UNESCO, Jean Gerard, and UNESCO Director-General

Amadou Mahtar Mbow a letter yesterday containing the U.S. decision. The sources said it would be announced in Washington today.

Last weekend, reports from Washington said the State Department had recommended to President Ronald Reagan that the U.S. withdraw from the 161-nation organization.



Pensioners queue at the post office in Jerusalem's Mahane Yehuda neighbourhood yesterday to receive their National Insurance payments (Scoop-80)

But postal workers return Sanctions widen in government ministries

By AARON SITNER,
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Jerusalem Post Reporters

While Minister of Labour and Social Affairs Aharon Uzan is for the time being to refrain from issuing back-to-work orders to his ministry staff, Interior Ministry workers are today launching the first in a series of sanctions to protest against alleged "job grade bias."

The country's 4,500 postal workers returned to work yesterday after temporary back-to-work orders were issued.

Eilat was paralyzed for six hours by a general strike. (See story Page 2.)

Passports, visas, birth certificates, identity cards and other documents issued by Interior Ministry offices will be unavailable "until further notice" beginning this morning.

Charging that the Civil Service Commission has turned a deaf ear "for more than 16 months" to their demands for grade parity, the ministry's national workers committee warned yesterday that non-issuance of the important documents, suspension of planning committee functions with the local authorities and refusal to answer telephone calls from outside their offices will continue "until we see

some response to our just demands."

Among those demands is an equalization in job grades for Interior Ministry workers who perform duties similar to those of employees in other government offices. For example, passport-office clerks are assigned lower grades on the Civil Service "uniform pay scale" than auto-licensing clerks at the Transport Ministry.

Referring to the 21-rung civil-service job-grade "ladder," an Interior Ministry staff committee spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday: "More than half of our people are below grade 16, while at other ministries that portion ranges from 28 to 40 per cent."

Labour and Social Affairs Director-General Asher Ohayon said last night that Uzan is waiting to see if the Ministerial Economic Committee, which will meet on Sunday after the cabinet meeting, can resolve the wage dispute in the ministry. If not, back-to-work orders will be issued to ministry workers whose sanctions have led to the closure of dozens of ministry institutions turning hundreds of needy people out into the streets.

The ministry staff are demanding that their pay be brought up to the level of salaries in the Health Ministry. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

Senior Egyptian delegation meeting with Shamir today

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

A high-ranking Egyptian delegation will hold talks here today with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and with senior officials at the Foreign Ministry.

The delegation is led by Shafi Abdel-Hamid, one of the three assistant secretaries of state at the Foreign Ministry in Cairo. He is the highest-level Egyptian official to visit Israel since the recall of the ambassador for consultations in the autumn of 1982.

The talks here will be the second stage of a dialogue opened in Cairo last month by Foreign Ministry Director-General David Kimche, and the ministry's legal adviser.

Israeli sources said Shamir and Kimche were likely to reiterate — but without overly belaboring — Israel's criticism of the Mubarak-Arafat meeting in Cairo last week.

The Israeli side would also air its dissatisfaction over the withering of normalization, the continued absence of the Egyptian ambassador from Tel Aviv, the decline in trade, the dearth of Egyptian tourists, the lack of cultural ties and the frequent assaults on Israel in the Egyptian news media.

The Egyptian diplomats, for their part, are likely to dwell on the issue of Lebanon and the situation in the administered territories. Possibly, too, they will press for progress on resolving the Tabé border dispute. Israeli sources were careful

yesterday not to encourage far-reaching expectations from Abdel-Hamid's brief visit (he flies home tomorrow).

Well-placed observers surmised that the timing of this visit — just a few days after the Mubarak-Arafat meeting and the Israeli indignation it engendered — was no accident.

"They (the Egyptians) are fine diplomats," one observer said. "They know how to maximize their opportunities."

If the visit succeeds, at least in sustaining a high-level political dialogue with Israel, Cairo will be able to claim — with much justice — that the Mubarak-Arafat meeting enhanced its position in the Arab world without harming its relations with Israel.

Wolf Blitzer writes from Washington: The U.S. administration has sought to reassure Israel about its decision to welcome last week's meeting between Arafat and Mubarak.

Under-Secretary of State for Political Affairs Lawrence Eagleburger told ambassador Meir Rosenne on Tuesday that Egypt could also be expected to take some concrete steps to improve ties with Israel.

Israeli officials quoted Eagleburger as having said that Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali last week had made such a promise during his talks in Washington.

Settlement-freeze bid stirs political furore

Shamir asks Herut backing for Orgad

Jerusalem Post Staff

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has called an urgent meeting of Herut cabinet ministers today in advance of tomorrow's cabinet meeting, following the ferment yesterday in the coalition around proposals to freeze settlement activity and cut a range of social services. The prime minister will demand support for Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad's new economic programme.

Today's meeting of Herut ministers is instead of a planned meeting of the Herut executive, including the ministers.

Shamir will point out the danger of a coalition crisis, illustrated by statements yesterday from Tehiya and Tumi in response to Cohen-Orgad's proposals of a settlement freeze in Judea and Samaria and abolition of free high-school.

The Labour Party bureau is not holding its weekly meeting today, but the Alignment leadership is closely watching the economic situation and the resulting coalition crisis.

Shamir phoned Cohen-Orgad yesterday afternoon after a Finance Ministry spokesman told economic correspondents that settlement budgets for Judea and Samaria would be slashed next year.

Cohen-Orgad reportedly reassured Shamir that his budget proposals envisaged a cut in all government ministries according to a set of priorities that would still give settlement high importance.

Before this, Science and Development Minister Yuval Ne'eman, the Tehiya leader, told reporters in the Knesset dining room that his party could not stay in the coalition if settlement in the administered areas was stopped. Yisrael Harel, chairman of the Council of Jewish Settlements and Towns in Judea, Samaria and Gaza said that the proposals were ideological and political suicide by the government.

While details of the treasury proposals are still far from clear, observers have pointed out that cutting the establishment of new settlements by itself does not imply any major savings. Government expenditure over the past year in Judea and Samaria, excluding the defence budget, is estimated at some \$200 million. Most of this is investment in infrastructure, approved in budgets which span several years and cannot be easily halted.

Appearing as guest of Israel Television's *Moked* programme last night, Deputy Prime Minister David Levy said he will back Cohen-Orgad's economic proposals but with one reservation: under no circumstances would he — Levy — tolerate use of deliberately conceived unemployment as an instrument to attain a desired economic result.

"I've been unemployed and I know what it feels like," he said. Levy admitted that the Shamir government has lost popular support as a result of the ongoing economic crisis.

Arafat okays Palestinian action plan

SANAA, North Yemen (Reuters). — PLO chief Yasser Arafat, who arrived here on Monday after his evacuation from north Lebanon, yesterday approved a military plan for future Palestinian action, his aides announced without giving details.

They said the plan had been worked out by Arafat and four Palestinian military commanders after two days of meetings here.

Arafat signed the plan in his capacity as commander-in-chief of Palestinian forces and ordered its immediate implementation, his aides said.

They gave no details of the plan

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad's 1984-85 state-budget proposals yesterday caused a furore in the coalition, even though he is not due to submit them to the cabinet until tomorrow. What particularly irked some coalition members is that, in addition to expected cuts in education and other areas, the budget proposals envisioned a temporary freeze on the building of new settlements in Israel and the administered areas.

The Treasury wishes to freeze all large construction projects including the building of new settlements, it was learned yesterday. In addition, it wishes to replace free secondary education with a progressive tuition-fee system.

The projected freeze extends to the building of new highways, including the completion of Tel Aviv's Ayalon project; the building of new hospitals and the expansion of existing ones; the Tel Aviv sewage system; irrigation projects and possibly the Mediterranean-Dead Sea canal project.

The planned measures are part of the economic policy for 1984, which is being prepared by the Finance Ministry as part of the government budget for the coming fiscal year.

The budget draft does not contain plans for new taxes, but is built on the assumption of a 7 to 8 per cent drop in the standard of living and a 12 per cent erosion in real wages.

The ministry announced yesterday that Cohen-Orgad is to ask the cabinet tomorrow to approve the general framework of the budget, but not its details. According to the ministry, each ministry will be able

to keep to the budget, as long as the spending limits approved are respected.

The ministry's announcement came after reports of the proposed freeze on settlements reached members of the coalition, who rushed to ask Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to intervene against such steps.

Shamir then asked Cohen-Orgad to clarify that the new measures only represent proposals, and that the cabinet will be asked tomorrow to vote on the framework, leaving the details for future deliberations.

This was interpreted by coalition members like MK Geula Cohen as a sign that there are no intentions of freezing settlement activity. But a senior source at the Finance Ministry told *The Jerusalem Post* that each of the steps reported is in fact contained in Cohen-Orgad's budget draft.

"The minister prepared only one budget draft, and if someone were to leave an item untouched, he would have to propose where to cut instead," the source added.

At tomorrow's cabinet session Cohen-Orgad is to raise only the budget's general principles, but there is no certainty about the behaviour of other ministers, who could raise the question of "problematic" cuts.

Cohen-Orgad is expected to explain to the cabinet that in the coming months the rate of devaluation and the hikes in controlled prices will closely follow the rate of inflation. Although the Treasury has not said what it expects the pace of price increases to be, economic observers are predicting a 300 per cent rate in 1984.

Cohen-Orgad's plans are meeting with criticism not only on political grounds, but on economic ones as well. Some ministers led by Labour and Social Affairs Minister Aharon (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

Proposed budget cuts blasted

Jerusalem Post Staff

Education and Culture Minister Ze'evon Hammer yesterday led a chorus of condemnations against the reported Finance Ministry proposals for extensive budget cuts, which also include a plan to reintroduce high-school tuition fees.

Hammer strongly condemned the proposal in a statement issued by the ministry, and is expected to fight it strenuously. Free secondary-school education was introduced by Hammer in 1978 and is regarded as perhaps his main achievement as minister.

The National Parents Association decided last night to hold protest meetings of parents and children at schools next Thursday against the proposed elimination of free high-school education, the school levy, the non-hiring of substitute teachers and the proposed IS\$ billion cut in next year's education budget.

On another issue, Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat said yesterday that freezing the Netivei Ayalon Highway project would constitute a severe blow to the city, whose traffic problems are increasing all the time. He added, however, that he would accept such a decision with "understanding" despite the pain involved.

Regarding proposed cuts in health care, the Histadrut nurses

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Inscription over door of Jawish-owned house in the Moslem quarter was plastered over by Arab occupants of the building, and only uncovered during recent renovations by Jews who have recently returned to the place. Abraham Rabinovich looks at the controversial return of Jawa to another part of the Old City of Jerusalem.

AND MORE: David Krivina meets banker Ernst Japhet. D'vora Ben Sheul learns about the Jawa of Germany. Wolf Blitzer charts the Reagan attitude towards Yasser Arafat. Yoacif Goell learns that the 'Gang of Four' is of more than one mind about the Liberal Party's future. Haim Shapiro serves up a simmering soup. Sheldon Taitelbaum dispels some illusions about Orwell's '1984'. Uri Rapp sees Haifa's Shakespeare production. And Martha Meisels samples some exotic fruit.

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partially cloudy

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Jerusalem	10	15	16
Golan	9	12	13
Nabatyia	7	10	11
Safad	7	10	11
Haifa Port	6	12	19
Tiberias	6	11	18
Nazareth	6	10	18
Yotvata	6	10	21
Sharmat	6	11	18
Tel Aviv	6	12	20
B-G Airport	6	12	21
Jericho	4	12	23
Gaza	4	10	19
Beersheva	3	8	20
Eilat	2	8	23

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

President Chaim Herzog yesterday entertained Carl Kempner, head of the banking firm Thomas Kühn-Loeb of New York, and Mrs. Kempner at lunch. In the evening, the president and Interior and Religious Affairs Minister Yosef Burg attended a dinner in the Knesset's Chagall Hall marking the 60th anniversary of the founding of Jerusalem's Yeshurun Synagogue. They presented Yeshurun's honorary president, Lou Lober, with a parchment scroll.

Gynecologist Shlomo Toaff yesterday was given an award by the Ephrat society for encouraging the Jewish birth rate, at a ceremony attended by Tel Aviv Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Shapira and the Hon. Shimon Peres.

Moshe Zak, of *Maariv*, will sum up the events of the outgoing year at today's meeting of the Rotary club at the Tel Aviv Hilton at 1:15 p.m.

ARRIVALS

Mr. Bruno Wies, sponsor of the Wise Institute for Software at the Jerusalem School of Engineering, for a series of meetings with the MIT management.

Mr. Haim Krejman, chairman of the Ben-Gurion University Foundation, Great Britain, and his wife, Irene.

Giscard here 'to get to know the new Israel'

Former French president Valéry Giscard d'Estaing arrived at Ben-Gurion airport yesterday afternoon with his wife for a two-week private visit. He told reporters at the airport that when he was president of France, he had resolved to visit Israel only if something significant happened towards the achievement of peace in the region; but there had been no such development.

Giscard and his wife will be the guests of French news-media executive Jean-François Lemaire. He is to meet with government and opposition leaders, and may cross into Jordan for a meeting with King Hussein. He said the main purpose of his visit was to "get to know the new Israel and to become acquainted with the source of our civilization." (Itim)

Missing IDF soldier may be held by Jibril

Security sources said last night that IDF soldier Hezi Shai might be held by the terrorist organization of Ahmad Jibril. The sources said that indications were growing that Shai, missing since the early days of the Lebanon war, is being held by Jibril's group. Every effort is being made to locate the other IDF soldiers listed as missing.

Shai's wife was interviewed on Austrian television a few days ago. She said she had not heard anything of her husband. She had appealed to Jibril, Syria and the International Red Cross. She hoped a picture of their daughter, born since Shai went missing, has been delivered to her husband.

HOME AND WORLD NEWS

High Court ruling in principle Military government may make permanent changes

The Judea and Samaria Military Government is permitted to implement operations leading to permanent changes in the area provided that they benefit the local inhabitants and that area's institutions are not changed substantially.

The High Court of Justice handed down in rejecting an application from the Judea and Samaria Arab teachers' association to prevent the laying of a road network. The appellants alleged that the road network was being laid for Israeli purposes and not for the benefit of the local Arabs.

The court ruled that the military government, although temporary, is authorized to implement long-term projects for the good of the population.

But the court criticized the authorities for not mentioning the military importance of the roads, as they had in a similar High Court case in 1981.

The case arose from the wish of the teachers' association to build a housing project for its members on a 60-dunam plot bought for the purpose near the Atura industrial area in Jerusalem. They received permission from a lower planning committee. The higher planning committee for Judea and Samaria, however, rejected the project on the grounds that it involved placing a residential neighbourhood near an industrial zone, and that a fast road, involving the expropriation of some of the land, was being planned.

The appellants had originally asked the High Court to quash the decision of the higher planning body, but the High Court upheld the latter's right to refuse permission.

The association then applied to the High Court to cancel the road programme, which was based on a link-up with roads inside Israel, contending that the plans were for Israel's benefit — not for the benefit of the area's inhabitants.

The state argued that the number of private vehicles in Judea and Samaria has risen from 5,000 in 1970 to 30,000 in 1983, necessitating wide, modern roads.

Accepting the state's arguments, Justice Aharon Barak expressed amazement that no mention was made of the military need for the road network, which was obvious. However, he said, this did not mean that the roads were not needed by the area's inhabitants.

Barak said he understood the feelings of the association's members, who were losing their land; but the decision was legal and their interests should not be considered above those of the other inhabitants. The members of the association would be compensated for the loss of their land. (Itim)

Agreement with Jemayel 'impossible,' says Jumblatt

Post-Mideast Affairs Reporter and agencies

Hopes for an early resumption of the stalled Lebanese national-reconciliation talks faded further yesterday, when opposition Druse leader Walid Jumblatt said in Damascus that agreement with President Amin Jemayel's administration and the Christian Phalange party in Lebanon "has become impossible."

The Syrian-backed Druse leader accused the Lebanese Army of siding with the Phalange-dominated Lebanese Forces Christian militia in violating the cease-fire in Lebanon by firing on Druse and Moslem areas in southern Beirut and the Shouf Mountains.

"Any agreement with Amin Jemayel and the Phalangists has become impossible," Jumblatt told a news conference. "I have no hopes left in continuing the dialogue with the Lebanese administration."

Jumblatt's remarks would appear to have further dashed hopes for a resumption of the reconciliation talks, suspended in Geneva two months ago to enable Jemayel to find some way around Syria's objection to last May's Lebanese-Israeli agreement.

Moda'i assures Hofi of his support

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i yesterday told Electric Corporation (IEC) general manager Yitzhak Hofi that he wishes him to continue in his post, the ministry spokesman announced.

When Hofi became aware of Moda'i's intention to fire former IEC board chairman David Haguel, Hofi was concerned that he was next in line for sacking.

Haguel was forced to resign at a board meeting Monday night. The board will meet again today to elect a new chairman. Tel Aviv accountant Amos Prushan is thought to be the favourite candidate. He will be the fifth chairman in the last four years. (See Knesset report, p.3)

2 get death sentence for killing soldier

LOD. — Two terrorists were sentenced to death on Tuesday by the military court here after the court found them guilty of murdering an Israeli soldier.

The two, both Israeli Arabs, aged 29, are from Ara village in the Triangle. (Capital punishment in past similar cases has been commuted to life imprisonment.)

Tel Aviv theatre to stage 'Golda'

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

TEL AVIV. — The musical *Golda* will be staged by the Beit Ariela theatre, Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat decided yesterday, cancelling an earlier decision to postpone presentation of the play due to "budgetary difficulties."

The play, written by Knesset Member Yossi Sarid and journalist Amnon Dankner, reportedly takes a very critical line on the career of the late Golda Meir. It was "frozen" two weeks ago by the director of the city's culture department, Yosef Kiosso, after rehearsals for the play had begun.

Kiosso said that the city could not finance *Golda*, but would continue to finance Moshe Shamir's *Yehudit*, another play being rehearsed by the theatre. The city had allotted sums for both these plays a year ago, at the initiative of theatre critics Shosh Avigal and Amir Oran.

Lahat had not known that Kiosso decided to cancel *Golda*, it was learned yesterday. At a meeting with Avigal, Oran, Kiosso, municipal executive member Yitzhak Artzi and Deputy Mayor Nathan Wolloch, Lahat yesterday instructed all those involved in the play to continue rehearsals. Lahat promised to find the \$530,000 needed to complete the play.

General strike shuts Eilat, 5,000 march in street

Post Reporters and Itim

EILAT. — Five thousand local residents demonstrated yesterday morning against the closure of the Timna Copper Works and the city's difficult economic situation, and a general strike paralyzed Eilat for most of the day.

At a meeting in Ashdod, the heads of the country's labour councils announced that in any town where unemployment threatens, the labour council will follow the example of Eilat and Yeroham. (The latter had a one-day strike last week.)

In Eilat, a violent incident was avoided when police Nitzav Mishne Haim Elbaldes decided not to use force to remove hundreds of demonstrators who lay on the road in order to prevent buses from leaving the local Egged station. The station remained closed. During the morning march through the city streets, slogans from the 1950s, such as "bread and jobs," "We're not a police state" and "Get the police out of here" were heard again and again.

The hero of the mass rally that followed the march was Yisrael Sela, a Timna worker who was badly beaten by police during a demonstration on Monday at the entrance to the copperworks. Sela appeared on stage with his head and hands bandaged.

In his speech at the rally, Histadrut central committee member Gideon Ben-Israel sharply attacked the government, asking how it could spend \$700 million on houses and development in Judea and Samaria, but could not spend \$5m. to keep Timna open.

Liora Moriel reports: Many realized that the Timna mines are losing money, but that alternative jobs must be for the 180 men soon to be laid off. Otherwise, the men and families will leave the city. At most young people leave Eilat for military service, for lack of government housing and employment.



Senator Daniel Inouye meeting Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir yesterday.

Senator: U.S. response to Cairo talks a mistake

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Senator Daniel Inouye (Democrat — Hawaii) added his voice yesterday to those of other leading U.S. legislators critical of Washington's welcome for the Arafat-Mubarak meeting last week.

The visiting Senator told Premier Yitzhak Shamir, according to Israeli sources, that he felt Washington's response had been, "a mistake."

The sources said the meeting between Shamir and the Senator had been "very friendly" with Inouye supporting Israeli positions regarding Lebanon and endorsing the need for "firmness" there.

Labour Party sources, however, said Inouye seemed to feel American public opinion was rapidly becoming inconsistent with the U.S. Marines in Beirut be brought home.

Inouye met with former premier Yitzhak Rabin and lunched with Labour Chairman Shimon Peres.

FURORE

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Uzan, are expected to complain that the burden on high-income groups is far too small, compared to that of wage earners.

The plans for a freeze on large projects is expected to arouse the opposition of those ministries affected, especially the Health, Energy and Transport Ministries.

Transport Minister Haim Corfu said yesterday that, in his opinion, there is no room to declare a complete freeze on road construction. He added that the Ayalon project should be speeded up, not delayed.

Agudat Yisrael MK Shlomo Lorincz, chairman of the Knesset Finance Committee, said yesterday that in the coming months the committee would approve only part of the price hikes in electricity and postal services requested by the government, since the burden imposed on the public during recent weeks is already too heavy.

During the coming budget debate, Cohen-Orad is likely to stress that the country's balance-of-payments situation forces him to propose a \$150 billion cut in the budget, including a 10 per cent trim in the defence establishment's local expenditures.

The minister is also expected to say that it is impossible to continue the high level of welfare payments.

Classes must go on, even if no substitute teachers

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Parents should send their children to school even when the principal cancels the class, because such a cancellation is a breach of regulations. Education and Culture Ministry Director-General Eliezer Shmueli said yesterday.

The *Jerusalem Post* asked Shmueli what parents should do if their children are sent home because of the Ministry's refusal to pay for a substitute teacher until the fourth day of a regular teacher's absence.

The Ministry yesterday was referring parents of children dismissed from school to the ministry's legal advisor, Arye Brick.

Shmueli is to meet with Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orad this morning to get his agreement to a compromise proposal on the substitute-teacher issue. This would permit principals who cannot

upon volunteers from training colleges or women's request permission from the superintendent to hire a substitute from the first day of a teacher's illness.

Asked yesterday if a proposal would not effectively away with the proposed IS cut, Shmueli said that superintendent would be at only a fixed number of teachers.

The National Parents Association condemned the ministry's decision and the proposed cancellation of free secondary-school education for the increase in kindergarten and the proposed school levy, led for a demonstration of parents next week, at the Education Ministry.

SANCTIONS WORSEN

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Ministry, whose workers got a raise earlier this year. They have stopped sending cheques to suppliers of ministry institutions, which serve 100,000 people, and have ceased performing other official duties.

The refusal of suppliers to continue deliveries without getting paid has forced dozens of day-care centres, boarding schools and homes for juvenile delinquents to close their doors this week. Ohayon said that today the residents of many homes for the aged would be put on buses and sent home.

The country's postal workers reluctantly returned to their jobs yesterday following a temporary back-to-work order issued on Tuesday night by the Jerusalem Labour Court. But it appears likely that the wage dispute will be resolved when the order expires at 4 p.m.

The court will hold another session at 10 this morning in presence of Communist Ministry representatives and officials from the State Attorney's office on the one hand, and me of the Histadrut and the work-militants on the other.

About half of the postal workers among the lowest-paid civil servants, were at their jobs when offices and other postal service institutions around the country opened. The rest filtered in the afternoon.

GHALI

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Since Mubarak became president in 1981 relations with some Arab countries have gradually improved. Ghali did not indicate whether the developments he spoke of would mean a complete restoration of diplomatic ties.

Ghali said Arafat's stop in Cairo had great political significance. "The legitimate Palestinian leadership is moving in the direction of peaceful political struggle and talks and negotiations as the method to provide the Palestinians with their national rights," he said.

In his prognostications for 1984, Osama al-Baz, top political aide to Mubarak, told the weekly magazine *Al-Mussawwar* he did not anticipate any "major developments" in bilateral relations with Israel in 1984.

"There may be some ups and downs but this would not affect mutually-accepted relations of peace," he said.

If Israel wishes greater war relations with Egypt, al-Baz will have to take "a confidence-building measure."

He cited among such measures: acceptance of J. Syria and the Palestinian negotiating partners; halting construction of settlements in occupied Arab lands; and moving to resolve the Taba border chicanery or arbitrator.

CUTTING FAT. — About operations for the surgical removal of obesity have been performed at Eilat's Josephthal Hospital, which accepts patients from other areas of the country.

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After a procedural dispute, Deputy Speaker Meir Cohen-Avidov accepted a revised announcement by Livni, which included the addendum that the faction would announce the name of its new committee member "at the proper time."

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South African forces battling Angolan troops

JOHANNESBURG (AP). — South African soldiers are battling Angolan troops as well as Black-nationalist guerrillas in the latest South African strike into southern Angola, both sides have confirmed.

The South African Broadcasting Corp., which reflects government policy, said yesterday the Angolans were providing sanctuary for guerrillas being sought by the South Africans instead of staying out of the way, as in the past.

"In addition, (Angolan) forces have actually begun their own strikes against isolated South African units," the SABC editorial said in a comment on the South African incursion.

Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos said on Tuesday in Luanda, the capital, that South African troops were attacking his forces, not seeking out guerrillas fighting for the independence of neighbouring South West Africa (Namibia) as South Africa claimed. Dos Santos said the South

African forces were operating as much as 200 kilometres inside Angola.

Reports of clashes between Angolan and South African troops prompted the U.S. State Department to declare its concern on Tuesday and call for acceptance of South Africa's offer to withdraw from southern Angola on January 31.

Angola claims it has lost dozens killed and hundreds wounded in attacks on several towns.

South African authorities declined further comment on the military situation in southern Angola beyond Defence Force chief Gen. Constand Viljoen's remarks on Monday night. Viljoen said the action since early December had claimed the lives of five South African soldiers with one missing.

Viljoen said the operation was designed to prevent the planned infiltration into Namibia of seven companies of guerrillas.

Argentinian judge frees civilian jailed by military

BUENOS AIRES (AP). — A federal judge on Tuesday ruled that the imprisonment of civilians by Argentinian military courts was "absolutely contrary to law" and ordered the release of a man jailed since 1977. The ruling was expected to result in the freeing of 56 other prisoners.

Judge Jose Dibur ruled in the case of Benjamin Froim Taub, who was arrested on September 7, 1977, and later sentenced by a "war tribunal" to 12 years for illicit association with a subversive organization.

Dibur ruled that a military court does not have jurisdiction to judge a civilian and said it was "absolutely contrary to law to submit civilian citizens to military trials."

Fifty-six civilians convicted and

jailed by military tribunals after a March 24, 1976, coup remain jailed. Human rights lawyers told the Associated Press that they would submit in the coming days *habeas corpus* writs on behalf of the 56 prisoners. The lawyers said they expected Dibur's ruling would establish a precedent.

State-of-siege emergency powers used under the just-ended military dictatorship to jail thousands of suspected leftists and dissidents in the years following the coup were lifted shortly before the general elections on October 30. The last prisoners held under those powers were released on October 18.

The military regime ended with the December 10 presidential inauguration of Raul Alfonsín, leader of the Radical Party.

W. Germany revokes Flick's tax break

BONN (AP). — The Federal German government, acting in the wake of a bribery scandal that has implicated its economics minister, on Tuesday revoked a \$160 million tax break the ministry granted to the giant Flick industrial concern in the late 1970s.

A government spokesman said that Flick, the country's largest private holding company, was notified of the decision on Tuesday.

The government's move withdraws a 436-million-mark (\$160m.) controversial tax break given to Flick over its 1975

purchase of shares in the New York-based W.R. Grace chemical company.

The decision came after Bonn prosecutors announced on December 8 that they would press charges against Economics Minister Otto Lambsdorff and a former ranking Flick official on suspicion of bribery.

The prosecutors said Lambsdorff had accepted DM135,000 from Flick while his ministry was deciding on the company's request for a tax break.

Former Korean minister gets 7 years in jail

SEOUL (Reuters). — A former cabinet minister in President Chun Doo Hwan's government was yesterday found guilty of accepting bribes and sentenced to seven years in jail and fined \$102,000.

Yoon Ja Jung, a former transport minister, had pleaded not guilty to

accepting bribes worth \$110,000 in a multi-million-dollar loan scandal that embarrassed the South Korean government.

State prosecutors said he received the money while in office in return for using his influence to help a leading businessman.



Soviet Defence Minister Dmitry Ustinov (left) and Politburo member Konstantin Chernenko (right) confer yesterday at the closing session of the Supreme Soviet meeting in Moscow. Looking on are (centre) Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko and, in the back row, Politburo members Vitaly Vorotnikov (left) and Grigory Romanov. President Andropov failed to appear at the meeting, apparently because of ill health. (UPI telephoto)

Andropov misses conclusion of Supreme Soviet meeting

MOSCOW (AP). — President Yuri Andropov yesterday missed the closing session of the Supreme Soviet, which received a 1984 economic plan and budget approved in the ailing leader's absence.

Andropov, 69, leader of the party for 13 months, has been out of public view for 132 days, missing four major party and public functions. The Kremlin insists he is not seriously ill and is fully participating in party and state affairs.

Andropov told the 300-plus member Central Committee in a written speech distributed on its opening session Monday that "temporary causes" prevented him from attending its two-day, biannual plenum.

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Court will not hear right-to-die patient

SAN FRANCISCO (Reuters). — The California Supreme Court on Tuesday refused to hear a plea from a woman suffering from cerebral palsy that she be allowed to starve herself to death.

Elizabeth Bouvia, 26, a quadriplegic who is confined to a wheelchair and has said her life has lost all its value, has been waging a court battle to legally require nurses to provide her with hygienic care and painkillers while she fasts to death.

Lawyers for Bouvia appealed to the supreme court in San Francisco, California's highest court, to stop Riverside General Hospital, where she is a patient, from force-feeding her.

The hospital began feeding her intravenously through her arm last Thursday after her weight had dropped to 41 kilograms.

In a brief ruling signed by Chief Justice Rose Bird, the court told lawyers to follow standard legal procedures and first make representations to the State Court of Appeals in San Bernardino, California.

Hospital officials want to discharge Bouvia, saying she is demoralizing the staff and costing taxpayers \$1,800 a day.

The hospital's acting chief of medicine, Dr. Habeeb Bacchus, said that since being forcibly fed Bouvia had become well enough to be discharged, but that she was refusing to go.

Witness says Galman didn't kill Aquino

MANILA (AP). — A witness who said government agents offered to take him to Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos to tell what he saw during the August 21 Benigno Aquino assassination testified yesterday that alleged assassin Rolando Galman was smiling just before soldiers shot him and thus he could not have killed Aquino.

Ramon Balang, 28, a Philippine Airlines maintenance engineer, testified before the commission investigating the opposition leader's assassination in a dramatic night-time session at a suburban law office, where he said he had sought refuge after government agents visited his home Tuesday night.

Board chairman Corazon Agrava said she called Defence Minister Juan Ponce Enrile and obtained assurances that Balang would be protected from men, who

she said were still at Balang's home a few hours before his testimony began.

"I don't think he had the opportunity to fire a shot," said Balang, referring to Galman, who he said was surrounded by soldiers at the Manila Airport tarmac at the time Aquino fell with a single shot in the back of the head. Balang said, however, he did not see who shot Aquino, Marcos's chief rival.

Balang said Galman appeared to be greeting members of the aviation security command protecting Aquino just before Galman was shot.

The government contends that Galman, allegedly a Communist agent, killed Aquino on orders of rebel superiors. The Aquino family has contended from the beginning that a soldier shot the opposition leader.

Brazilian woman, 76, dies in killer-bee attack

PALMITAL, Brazil (AP). — Thousands of African killer bees attacked a home for the elderly in this southeastern Brazilian town, killing a 76-year-old woman and injuring 22 other persons, a Roman Catholic nun said on Tuesday.

Sister Fatima Celia said the attack began suddenly and "almost immediately what seemed to be thousands of bees completely covered Mrs. Olivia Batista, who died shortly afterwards from excessive amounts of venom."

The others "are recovering and are out of danger," she said.

The attack occurred on Monday in this rural town 399 kilometres northwest of Sao Paulo.

The nun said local firemen using flamethrowers and chemical poisons killed the bees early on Tuesday.

She said the attack was the result of "a clash between the aggressive African killer bee and milder European bees that are bred near our home."

More outlawed Iranian Communists go on trial

BEIRUT (AP). — A fourth group of members of Iran's outlawed Tudeh Communist Party went on trial yesterday before a military tribunal in Teheran, IRNA, the official Iranian news agency reported.

The number of defendants was not given, but IRNA indicated they were mostly rank-and-file members of the pro-Moscow party that was disbanded last spring after the government accused its leaders of

spying for the Soviet Union.

The trial of Tudeh leaders began secretly in the weeks following a crackdown on Tudeh last May in the wake of the expulsion of 18 Soviet diplomats from Teheran. The diplomats were accused of interfering in Iran's internal affairs and were declared persona non grata.

No verdicts have been announced so far in the trial of the earlier groups.

At least 346 dead as winter rages on in U.S.

NEW YORK (AP). — A snowstorm that marooned travellers in the Rocky Mountains swept into the midwest and deep into Texas at near-blizzard ferocity yesterday and highways were transformed into ribbons of ice in many cities across the nation.

A tornado skipping through south Alabama wrecked several homes, and almost 15 centimetres of rain at New Orleans caused some flooding as most of the nation was affected by the violent weather that has claimed at least 346 lives since December 17.

"You name it, it's happening this morning," said Bill Sammler of the National Severe Storms Forecast Centre in Kansas City, Missouri.

The weather service reported near-blizzard conditions near Pampa, Texas, where 13cm. of snow had accumulated. Snow fell across the state and temperatures were expected to sink well below freezing in

Houston and Brownsville last night for the second time in a week. Sheets of freezing drizzle coated highways and power lines from Texas and Arkansas to New York, while heavy snow fell across much of Missouri, Illinois, Indiana and southern Wisconsin.

Rush hour was chaotic in midwestern cities such as Columbus, Ohio and Cincinnati, where icy streets caused so many accidents police were answering only emergency calls.

Seven to 13 cms of snow was common across much of Missouri and Illinois.

Officials of Florida's \$2.5-billion-a-year citrus industry said it was too early to tell how the freeze will affect the price of orange juice. But Francis Horne, manager of a farmers' market in southern Florida, said winter prices of tomatoes, cucumbers and bell peppers "are going to skyrocket."

6 die in Buffalo gas blast

BUFFALO, New York (Reuters). — Six people died in a propane gas explosion and fire in central Buffalo last night, police said.

Five of the dead were firemen and the sixth was a civilian, they said.

In the initial confusion, a police spokesman said 15 people were killed when the blast erupted at 8:30 p.m. after firemen were called to check a strong smell of propane gas.

The explosion and fire destroyed 37 houses, two blocks of flats, a church, a warehouse and several businesses.

A man 5km. away said the shock waves were so powerful where he was that he at first thought his home had exploded.

Hundreds of persons were

evacuated from their homes because natural gas service, a prime source of heating fuel, was switched off.

A nearby school was opened to provide shelter to people displaced in the sub-freezing weather. Red Cross officials were at the school to provide bedding, clothing and food to the evacuees.

Hospitals were initially hard-pressed to treat the casualties. A spokesman at Sheehan Hospital five blocks away said 61 injured persons were brought in for treatment within 90 minutes. He said many people were taken to other hospitals.

Buffalo authorities appealed to surrounding communities for extra police to help keep crowds away and prevent looting.

Anti-U.S. rally marks 4 years of Soviet rule in Afghanistan

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP). — The end of four years of the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan was marked this week by an anti-American demonstration in Kabul, the nation's capital, Western diplomats said here yesterday.

Sourcees said an estimated 20,000 supporters of the Soviet-installed Babrak Karmel regime, looking "glum and unenthusiastic" because of being forced to walk in severe cold, marched past the American

Embassy on Christmas Day. They chanted slogans against the American involvement in Grenada and Central America.

Afghan officials recently admitted to visiting Western journalists in Kabul that there are 500 political prisoners jailed throughout Afghanistan, a Western diplomatic report said yesterday. The report also disclosed that Soviet officials told the Moscow-based journalists that there are 600 Russian political advisers living in Afghanistan.

Chinese premier to U.S. in January

PEKING (AP). — Chinese Prime Minister Zhao Ziyang will visit the U.S. from January 10 to 16 and Canada from January 17 to 23, the Foreign Ministry announced yesterday.

The visit by Zhao, and President Ronald Reagan's planned visit to China in April, were announced on September 28 by Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger when he was in Peking, but the dates had not been disclosed previously.

Zhao's party is expected to make

a refuelling stop in Honolulu, and he will visit San Francisco, Washington and New York, Chinese officials have said.

The Zhao-Reagan exchange will be the first reciprocal visit by the heads of the two governments since the U.S. established diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China in January 1979.

The last serving U.S. president to come here was Gerald Ford in April 1976.

Seoul improves ties with Moscow

SEOUL (AP). — In a move to improve relations strained since the downing of a Korean airliner by Soviet jet fighters, South Korea will resume limited contacts with the Soviet Union next year, foreign ministry officials said yesterday.

The officials, who asked to remain anonymous, acknowledged that some problems involving compensation for the Korean Air Lines jet have yet to be solved. But one ranking ministry official told reporters yesterday that such non-political exchanges with the Soviet Union will be resumed on a "gradual basis."

South Korea, which has no diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union, has boycotted international meetings held there since the Korean Boeing 747 was fired on by Soviet fighters on September 1. All 269 people aboard the jumbo jet died.

"There is no change in the government's basic policy of improving relations with the Soviet Union," the ministry official noted. "It is desirable for Seoul to deal with non-political exchanges separately from the settlement of the KAL incident aftermath."

Ministry officials, however, said the government will continue to push its demands for a Soviet apology as well as compensation.

Violence halts voting in Bangladesh elections

DACCA (Reuters). — Authorities suspended voting in at least 17 rural election centres across Bangladesh after at least 150 persons were injured in clashes between supporters of rival candidates.

Official sources said police opened fire at some centres on Tuesday to disperse crowds who beat up polling officers, snatched away ballot boxes and intimidated voters.

About a dozen persons were arrested, the sources added.

At least a dozen persons were killed and 200 injured in clashes during campaigning for the elections, police said.

Foreigners to be free of Portugal's exit levy

LISBON (AP). — Beginning New Year's Day, foreigners visiting or passing through Portugal will no longer have to pay the country's controversial exit tax.

The 1,000 escudo (\$7.50) tax, which includes a 500-escudo charge for each child leaving the country, was put into effect on October 26 by the Socialist-Social Democrat coalition government of Prime Minister Mario Soares as a means of easing the state budget deficit. All persons spending more than 72 hours in Portugal, except Portuguese living abroad, were required to pay the fee.

Portuguese tour operators joined foreign travel agencies in clamouring for an end to the tax, complaining the measure could seriously damage Portugal's booming tourist industry.

N. Cyprus opposition moves no confidence

NICOSIA (Reuters). — The main opposition party in Northern Cyprus constituent assembly has tabled a motion of no confidence in Prime Minister Nejat Konuk's interim government, official sources said today.

The motion by the Communal Liberation Party said that the government, appointed until elections are held next year, was based on an unconstitutionally set up assembly.

The constituent assembly was established to replace an elected 40-member legislature following the unilateral declaration of an independent Turkish Cypriot state of Northern Cyprus on November 15.

Sports

Another win

By PAUL KOHN
Post Sports Reporter

Israel moved yesterday to the top of the table in the Five Nations Junior Youth Soccer Tournament by means of a 3-0 victory.

Sweden before 3,000 spectators in Jaffa. In yesterday's other game Greece won their opening match against Rumania, 2-1, in Yavne.

Sweden had the edge over Israel in class and speed in goalless first half, but bad mis- their strikers wasted several chances.

During the interval Israeli's Shmuel Perlman read his team riot act, telling them in no uncertain fashion that he wanted to teamwork instead of individualism. This dressing-down had the effect, and, after the break, Israeli finishing was far sharper than of the Swedes. Eli Laza Yehud, Alon Hazan of Ashdod, Asher Sasson of Betar Jerusalem found the Swedish net.

The next game in the tourney are on Saturday. There will be no first league matches on Saturday. Sports writers' expertise about the third division of the English league.

Crucial game

By DON GOULD
Post Basketball Reporter

Maccabi Ramat Gan are hosts Curra Verrass of Italy tonight 8:30 at the Ussishkin Stadium. Korac Cup quarter-final match is important to both teams.

The Ramat Ganians got off strong start in Korac Cup play they trimmed Crystal Palace in December and will be anxious to gain another home court victory.

Curra Verrass, on the c hand, lost their opening game Antas and will be looking to get the winning track tonight.

The Italian team, currently in second place in the second league has plenty of size and are considered to be one of the rebounding teams in the Italian leagues.

Roscoe Penderfer, 198, the older brother (who played for Hapoel Ramat Gan) is not only capable of sweeping the ball but is a fine shooter. He is third best Italian League. Another American, 208 Allan, gives Curra the upstart size to make difficult under the boards for his team's

Ramat Gan's firm centre, Carl Amos and bustling forward Greg Cornelius, 22, going to have their hands full trying to contain Curra's big men. Amir Blum, 204, Maccabi's big man, is out of action with a leg and young Nir Rechlis, 203, is also he may not be available.

Down Gamache and Uri Ben Ari, M Ramat Gan's high scoring duo, are expected to lead today's action.

In other basketball action, Hapoel, Gan won their opening round game 96-82. Le Mans in the Dutch Christmas Tournament, Netherlands, Or Goren with 39 led all scorers as Hapoel Ramat Gan star from start to finish.

Tonight, Maccabi Tel Aviv opens the Palace Tourney, facing Vardonia / Netherlands at 10:00 p.m. Israel time, Kadmon injured his leg in Maccabi's last tie at Yot Eliyahu on Tuesday and probably won't see much action. Or Maccabi are ready to go.

Cash and carry

MELBOURNE (Reuters). — Cash crushed Sweden's Jac Nyström 6-4, 6-1, 6-1 yesterday clinch the 1983 Davis Tennis for Australia.

Cash, 18, took 99 minute demolish his 20-year-old oppo and to give Australia an unbeaten 3-1 lead in the series — and the for the first time since 1977.

"It's the greatest thrill of my life," Cash afterwards.

Cash, the spilt brot of Australian tennis notoriety for his misbehaviour on court including tantrums and racket-throwing practice sessions that nearly cost him his place in the team, it was with considerable hesitation captain Neale Fraser played him.

This was Fraser's third success as captain guided Australia to victory in 1973 and "This is my biggest thrill of my life," Cash afterwards. "We won without a player in the top 30 in the world."

In the "dead" last match, Mats Wilander beat John Fitzgerald 6-4, 6-4, 6-1, in a reduced to three sets instead of five.

The Little Mas broke a world record in the final Test match between 1 and the West Indies, by bringing tally of Test centuries to 30, beating Sir Donald Bradman record of 29. This is the second world record he set this season earlier he became the highest getter in the history of Tests.

His 149 not out took India to 262 for its fourth day, in reply to the West Indian 313.

Cricketing Yaffee, supported by a superb Kim Hughes, enabled the Australians to 379 for 6 at the end of the third day of the test. Pakistan were 470 all out. Abdul Qasim Akram Hafeez have each taken three wickets.

NBA action

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Ice hockey

EDMONTON, Canada (AP). — The Oilers scored three consecutive goals — two by Mikal Vasko — without a furious third-period Canada to open a 10-goal victory series with a 4-3 victory Wednesday.

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ty Weill hears a talk on women who work in the home.

After the film, Prof. Reuven Gronau, an economist, went on to assess the monetary value of work done at home, and provided American and Israeli statistics comparing hours spent on work in and outside the home, with reference to married or unmarried males and females. He compared the amount of free time enjoyed by women who are employed full- or part-time, ac-

The last speaker, a doctor's wife, said she was a housewife. She made an appeal that the problem of home-makers be taken seriously — particularly since more and more women are likely to find themselves at home as the present labour market shrinks.



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The crunch comes

THE CONSTERNATION caused in government circles yesterday by the radio report that the Treasury was proposing to discontinue virtually all new settlement activity in Judea and Samaria illustrates the kind of difficulty the finance minister, Yigal Cohen-Orgad, will be facing in trying to win support for his overall austerity plan.

One reaction to the news was the expected one from the extreme right wing. Tehiya's Yuval Ne'eman, the science minister, announced that his party would bolt the coalition if settlement activity were indeed halted. But the prime minister, Yitzhak Shamir, also seemed to have been most unpleasantly surprised. Truly, the news put him in a strange position. While he still rejected President Reagan's suggestion that Israel should freeze new settlement so as to facilitate the political process, here was his own finance minister telling him that this had to be done in order to save the country's economy from bankruptcy.

The radio report was promptly denied, but the denial did not carry much conviction. To be sure, Mr. Cohen-Orgad's proposal does not amount to a decision. This will have to be taken by the cabinet which is meeting tomorrow for the start of a series of sessions on budget cuts. But the finance minister will apparently be saying to his colleagues that all activities that are not absolutely essential to the nation's security and well-being must for the moment be put off.

This general principle applies to new settlement across the Green Line as much as it applies to the Netzev Ayalon road project and the Med-Dead Canal. The standard of judgment is not political. Mr. Cohen-Orgad is a Herut hawk who is building a home for himself in a town in Samaria. He is, however, also a finance minister who can tell economic sense from economic nonsense.

His cabinet colleagues, perhaps even a majority of them, may yet disagree with him, and not only out of fear of what Tehiya might do in retaliation for a settlement freeze. But if the proposal falls, more drastic cuts will have to be made in health, education and welfare. And more new taxes will have to be levied, and currently free services, not only secondary education which is already on the block, made available only for a price.

This will meet with stiff opposition from the bulk of the citizenry, which is wage-earning but not sufficiently "needy" to escape the impact of the cuts and impositions, and whose income has already been painfully eroded by runaway inflation which could climb towards a 500 per cent level within a year. Plainly, unless the government pares its own expenditures to the bone, spiking every idea of spending that does not pass the strictest test of national necessity, it will forfeit any moral right to call on the people to make personal sacrifices for the common weal.

Bitter pill for Burg

LAST AUGUST the interior minister, Dr. Yosef Burg, appointed a committee of six experts to consider the vexing problem of summer time, also known as daylight saving time, in this country. The action did not reflect disinterested pursuit of objective truth by Dr. Burg; the minister had on numerous occasions made known his resolute opposition to summer time, mainly for religious reasons, despite overwhelming popular support for the idea.

What induced the minister to initiate the inquiry was a ruling by the High Court of Justice. The court, while rejecting a petition asking it to order the introduction of summer time, nevertheless flayed Dr. Burg for failing to make a thorough study of the issue. Dr. Burg obliged by putting the committee together.

The committee has now made known its decision. It does not come out ringingly on either side of the controversy. But by a decisive majority of five to one it recommends that summer time be tried out for the next two years, starting on Independence Day and ending on Rosh Hashana.

During this trial period there will be an examination of the effect of summer time on energy conservation, road safety, worker productivity, health and the convenience of the public. The information thus culled should form the basis of a final decision on whether or not to make summer time a regular Israeli institution. Plainly the committee did not think that such a decision could be based only on the fear that summer time might cause some people to desecrate the Sabbath by ending it early, and create hardship for workers who attend synagogue services before going to work in the morning.

The panel's recommendations leave no room for any ifs and buts. The interior minister must now start making whatever preparations are required for the introduction of summer time next Independence Day.

PLO MOVE

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view this was not an option." Instead, the navy imposed a blockade. To underline its effectiveness, he recalled that among the prisoners released in exchange for the six soldiers captured by the Fatah were some captured at sea.

The Israeli action also forced the PLO factions to continue their fighting, Levy said. The PLO leader's insistence on receiving an escort when he finally left proved he was wary of Israel, Levy added.

Referring to the numerous attacks in the Sidon area in recent weeks, the chief of staff said that there was no proof that prisoners released from Ansar were involved in attacks on Israeli troops. However, he believed that they might be encouraging others. "We took that into account (when considering the exchange)," he said.

The IDF recently moved crack units to Sidon. That did not necessarily lead to a reduction in the number of attacks, but it might reduce their effectiveness. At-

tackers should know that the Israeli response will be "faster and more effective," he said.

Levy gave the example of a squad firing back at an attacker who threw a grenade, killing a local man. He added he was not sure that it was the attacker who had been shot, but the man killed had been on the wanted list.

"There is a feeling that hand grenades don't hit (now) and that shooting is less effective," he noted.

Turning to the question of Judea and Samaria, Levy endorsed O/C Central Command Aluf Amnon Shuhak's directive to settlers to pursue stone throwers. Shuhak's directive was "legitimate," he said, arguing that citizens should not stand on the sidelines when witnessing a crime. "Otherwise," said Levy, "we may reach a situation where an old woman is robbed in Tel Aviv and people will refuse to intervene. I would not like to live in such a society." However, he said, this does not mean one should shoot a stone thrower.

SUSPICIOUS AND DISTRUSTFUL of the West, the rulers of modern Syria have long and bitter memories of the colonial past that make them the toughest party the U.S. has to face in the Middle East.

Dependent as it may be on the Soviet Union, Syria is by no means a subservient client state, Western diplomats here say.

When *Al-Ba'ath*, daily newspaper of the ruling Ba'ath party, rails against "Western plots to draw the region under its control," it reflects not just propaganda but also attitudes shaped by recent history.

The secret agreement between Britain and France during World War I to divide the region into spheres of influence is still bitterly resented here.

Assad came to power 13 years ago, after years of double-dealing by all sides in the region, with frustrated ideals of Arab unity and an utter determination not to be pressured by anyone. He has stayed that way.

The Syrian team facing the Reagan Administration, which sees Syria as the main challenge in the region to Washington's Middle East policies, is virtually the same that launched with Egypt the 1973 war against Israel and greeted then president Richard Nixon in Damascus in June 1974.

Long memories of betrayal

By MICHAEL SHERIDAN/Damascus

To the Syrians leadership, the modern states of Lebanon, Syria, Iraq and Jordan are essentially artificial creations, hewn by Britain and France from the crumbling bulk of the Ottoman Empire.

The creation of Lebanon robbed Syria of its traditional ports of Beirut and Tripoli, that of modern Turkey cut off the port of Alexandretta, now Iskenderun and a major NATO base.

Syrian nationalists felt betrayed, and when independence finally came during World War II, Syria was a poor, truncated parliamentary republic dominated by the so-called "50 families" — rich, mercantile and from the major cities of Damascus, Hama, Aleppo and Homs.

After the fledgling state of Israel inflicted humiliating defeat on the

Arab armies in 1948, the Arab Ba'ath (Renaissance) Party emerged as the main opposition force in coup-ridden Syria under the slogan "unity, freedom, socialism."

For the late U.S. president Dwight D. Eisenhower, the Middle East became, in January 1957, "a battlefield between East and West." For Syria, the 1950s were years of hard but crucial choices.

BRITAIN HAD TRIED to get Syria to join the now defunct Baghdad Pact, linking the Hashemite Kingdom of Iraq and Turkey, later joined by Britain, Pakistan and Iran.

But Damascus was suspicious that the colonial powers were wanting to keep a military presence, were playing a covert hand in

Syria's first coup of 1949 and were fomenting Hashemite intrigues.

So Syria denounced the pact, and soon Soviet arms began flowing into the country. Economic aid, too, was needed. But fearing U.S. political pressure if it went to the World Bank, Syria turned to Moscow, and signed a treaty of economic cooperation.

During this time many cadets passing through the influential military academy in Homs came from small towns and villages in poor areas like the Euphrates river basin and the Alawite Mountains.

They included most of the men who today count in Syria, where the Ba'athists took power in 1963.

Assad, a former fighter pilot who joined the Ba'ath Party in 1946, as Syria achieved full independence, was air force chief in 1964, defence minister in 1966 and during the Six-Day War, prime minister in 1970 and had himself elected president the following year.

Abdel Halim Khaddam has been foreign minister since 1970, and Defence Minister Mustafa Tlas, author of a highly regarded textbook on guerrilla strategy, has continued since March 1972.

Partly to counter U.S. support for Israel, Syria signed a 15-year treaty of friendship and cooperation with the Soviet Union in 1980, ending

years of a balancing act played by Assad between East and West.

Western diplomatic sources think the Soviet Union's involvement in Syria is limited to military strategy and counts regional decision-making. For over two decades, political history of Assad's country has been a search for unity with the radical ideas of Nasser.

Egypt and Syria were united in the late 1950s, but fierce independence led to the experiment ended in 1959. A persistent and Syrians accurate perception in the that Damascus wants to re "Greater Syria," where Ba'athists, who predom power, have never made significant plank of their "Greater Syria" was a the *Parti Populaire Syria* which dreamed of one stretching from the Taurus and from Cyprus to the G.

While Assad stays in to expect a significant shift in born, patient approach. Displayed in one D. Hotel recently was an old proverb: "The future belong who knows how to wait."

Where the religious establishment went wrong

By ZE'EV GOLIN

ORTHODOX JUDAISM in Israel, especially the state version, has a problem: it exists in too hospitable an atmosphere. Lacking challenges to Jewish survival, and benefiting from a close "synagogue and state" relationship, it has become comfortable, closed and uninspiring.

In America, Orthodoxy is kept fresh and vigorous by challenges to Jewish survival. Its basic programme could be described as "prevention, protection, and provision." Thousands of concerned rabbis and laymen fight to prevent intermarriage and assimilation; to protect the rights of religious workers and students to keep the mitzvot without jeopardizing their positions; and to provide all the services required by an observant Jew, in as many areas as possible.

Years of experience with the challenges and opportunities of American life have enabled that country's Orthodox movement to develop a great intellectual tradition, backed by impressive organizational capacity. Modern Orthodoxy's foremost educational institution, Yeshiva University, ordains rabbis equipped with an excellent secular education. Even more traditional yeshivas, such as the one in Lakewood, New Jersey, are attuned to spiritual needs in the modern world. Through its lay and rabbinical organizations and its professional divisions (e.g. the Association of Orthodox Jewish Scientists), American Orthodoxy is working effectively to raise the per-

centage and quality of observant Jews.

The traditional religious leadership and the observant Jew in Israel do not face the challenges of their American counterparts. The historic alliance between synagogue and state assures observant Jews that their basic religious requirements will be fulfilled without a tremendous outlay of money and effort. There is no need to weigh the availability of work and housing against the availability of basic Jewish services.

One, therefore, would think that a religious establishment freed from the concerns of Jewish survival would concentrate on raising the country's spiritual level. Unfortunately, this has not come to pass in Israel. The past 35 years have not brought a new golden era in religious law, philosophy or activism. What has developed instead is a massive political interest, in the hands of mediocre bureaucrats and second-rate rabbanim.

The major concern of the religious establishment seems to be political preservation, rather than spiritual uplift. The minions of the National Religious Party wage their fiercest battles to maintain their spoils in the national and local governments. Even religious regulations imposed upon the general public are not designed to make us a holier people; they are motivated by

a desire both to flex political muscle and to placate the ultra-Orthodox fringe.

AT ONE TIME, the extreme politicization of religion was understandable. The religious Zionists were struggling to prevent a leftist-secularist regime from undermining traditional Jewish identity. A kosher army, a religious-Zionist school system, protection for the observant worker and basic religious services in every settlement were desirable goals. They enabled the Orthodox Jew to join the mainstream of Israeli society. This may not have been possible if the Mizrahi and Poalei Mizrahi parties had not held the balance of political power in the early years of the state's existence.

Unfortunately, as it has grown more secure, the religious establishment has turned increasingly inward and become more reactionary. Unlike their American counterparts, many Israeli Orthodox rabbanim lack any kind of meaningful secular education. This has been demonstrated time and again by decisions and proclamations narrow and extreme beyond the call of halachic duty. The post-1967 religious school system has become a breeding ground for Gush Emunim-style fanaticism. Rabbi Shlomo Goren's intervention against the archeologists and his ef-

fective advocacy of civil disobedience in Yamit makes one wonder how much a part of the mainstream the religious establishment really is.

A strong indicator of the religious establishment's inwardness and selfishness is their reluctance to reach out to the non-Orthodox majority: their potential spiritual needs have been met with silence. Ministry of Religious Affairs funding and services flow into neighbourhoods and settlements that already have a large percentage of Orthodox inhabitants. In largely secular areas, the synagogues often makeshift, shulim too infrequent, youth activities non-existent and schools, mikvas and repositories of religious literature are not immediately at hand. Observant Jews in these places, therefore, lack the means to strengthen the example they set for their neighbours.

The religious establishment unfortunately has left outreach to the ultra-Orthodox fringe. This has resulted in many *ba'alei tshuva*, those newly returned to the faith, becoming ghettoized and violently anti-Zionist. Pro-Zionist, modern Orthodox endeavours to return Jews to Judaism do exist, but they are an underpublicized few.

THERE HAS NEVER been a greater need for strong, dynamic spiritual leadership in Israel. The people are in desperate need of a *chizuk*—something to strengthen and inspire them in a time of crises. The latest cycle of war, social tension

and economic troubles has shaken the nation's faith in the old secular Zionism and the new material prosperity. The message of the written Torah cries out to be rediscovered the real heart and soul of the people.

Sadly, our religious leaders appear to be equal to the task, as part of the establishment are part of the problem: a disillusioned country "spiritual leaders" with a v interest in the status quo enthusiastic can it be religious establishment indifferent to their needs?

We who call ourselves Orthodox "must work for responsive religious establishment. We must fight for a fairer of religious resources outreach to the less of and for an end to pet tics and patronage-grab the name of *kedusha*. That, we must force our and rabbanim to speak our needs of the people in this crisis.

For the religious establishment the choice is clear. If they on their current path, it become nothing more than popular anachronism. choose a new path of open concern, the people will them as a source of strer inspiration.

The writer, an alch, has been Israel for three years.

READERS' LETTERS

"WEST-BANKITIS"

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — I deplore the craven attitude of all too many well-meaning but misguided Zionists who, smitten with the spreading disease of West-Bankitis which threatens the vital parts of Judea and Samaria, would willingly sacrifice yet more intrinsically Jewish land to those who have no genuine collective title to it.

The only valid argument against Israel's control of the liberated areas of Eretz Yisrael is that based on the demographic factor, largely resulting from the huge non-Jewish influx attracted since the late 19th century by Zionist revival of the homeland, and which really has no bearing on the question of historical sovereign rights. Moreover, it ignores the amputation of the major part of mandated Palestine, which was surrendered to British imperialism and transferred to alien Hashemite control to become, in effect, an Arab Palestinian state. Most Jews are not insensitive to

the feelings of those who have been cruelly misled into believing that they are entitled to still more of the Land which had long faded from the memory of all but the Jews who gave it birth, but such compassion gives them no right to betray generations of Jewish fidelity to Eretz Yisrael so soon after its painful recovery from the desolation and obscurity into which it had sunk under a succession of rapacious and improvident usurpers.

Unrequited Jewish concern for rival political ambitions, which are shamelessly exploited by feudal despots and fanatics for their own ends, may well jeopardize the hard won political freedom without which the creative Jewish spirit atrophies, starved of the means for natural expression, for the true realization of key Jewish social values requires the free society provided by a secure and viable Jewish homeland. S. GOODMAN

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ETHIOPIAN OLIM IN SAFAD

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — The article in *The Jerusalem Post* on December 19 concerning the supposed opposition of the ultra-Orthodox community in Safad to Ethiopian Jewish olim conveys the mistaken impression that the Orthodox communities in our city oppose Ethiopian olim in Safad.

On the contrary — every part of Safad's Orthodox community stands ready to provide a warm welcome for the Ethiopian Jewish community in accordance with the traditions of Safad Jewish hospitality, which dates back to the 16th century. The Ethiopian Jewish community comes to Safad, already having known of Safad as one of Israel's four holy cities.

The anger in the current situation

has been caused by the Ministry of Housing, headed by David Levy, which had the audacity to promise the same building to two different olim populations in Safad: a community associated with Agudat Yisrael, and the Ethiopian Jews. Not since the British Mandate divided and played off the Jews and Arabs in Safad against each other has anyone succeeded in doing seemingly the same thing amongst different ethnic groups in this historic city — in this case, even before their arrival!

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ZIONIST DREAM

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — Susan Hattis Rolef in her article "The Illusion of Controlled Terror" (*The Jerusalem Post*, December 7) graciously condones the plot to assassinate Hitler but refuses to be so "goosey" with the assassins of Lord Moyne, because, according to her, they had "other means of struggle."

Only a person (even if a lecturer of international relations) who thinks about history in such fixed categories, devoid of human content and independent of space and time, can arrive at such priggish conclusions.

What "other means of struggle" were available? Perhaps pious articles in *The Palestine Post*? Those were times when "the weapon of the critique could not replace the critique of the weapons."

This was also the time of the Jewish revolt, without which the Yishuv would have been gradually handed over to the Arabs and the Zionist dream scuttled for a thousand years. This was a time when the nervous system of the enemy had to be undermined by every means available. This was a now or never situation from which a sensible, objective observer has to judge the deeds of the dramatic personae. PINCHAS LAZAR

Haifa.

PENFRIENDS

SUSANNE NAWITZKY (24), of Polhemsgatan 29, S-112 30 Stockholm, Sweden, would like to have Israeli penfriends between the ages of 22 and 30. She collects stamps and postcards and enjoys knitting.

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